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1. Upon further consideration, the reply filed on 14 October 2003 (and supplemented in the reply filed 26 January 2004) is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

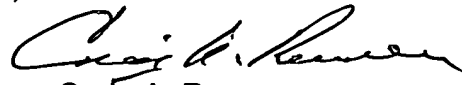
The reply is not responsive to paragraphs 2-6 in the office action dated 8 July 2003. Furthermore, the reply is not fully responsive to paragraph 13 of the office action dated 8 July 2003 as claims 12 and 13 have not been rewritten to include "all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims" (emphasis added). Note that claim 12 is missing the last limitation of base claim 11 and the fact that the slider is a "disk head slider", and claim 13 is missing the last limitation of base claim 10, and the fact that the slider is a "disk head slider". See 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. The examiner apologizes for any inconvenience in not addressing these problems in the office action dated 8 January 2004.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig A. Renner whose telephone number is (703) 308-0559. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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